

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

DODGE CITY, SATURDAY, JAN. 19, '78.

Another heavy fog yesterday.

Mrs. Lieut. Trout is visiting friends at Fort Leavenworth.

Five head dogs is the chief production at Fort Dodge.

No foreign potentates, lords, earls, barons or counts have visited the Fort for a long time.

A court martial will be held at Fort Lyon on the 23d inst. Capt. Henton is one of the judges.

Mrs. Samuel Marshall is expected home in about a month.

An unusually orderly set of men comprise the three companies now at the Post.

There are but very few sick and the hospital is almost empty.

N. M. Webb of Indiana was in town this week. He is prospecting for a sheep ranch.

Mrs. Fitch has so far recovered from her long suffering and has been removed to Fitchburg.

Commissioned officers of the army are, ex-officio, the aristocracy of the Nation.

Messrs. Jones & Hungerford have fowl at the Post most market one day in the week, which affords an agreeable variety.

Steward Pauly teaches the young ideas how to shoot, in the absence of the common school system at Fort Dodge.

W. Hall Mitchell of Larned gave us a call yesterday. Mr. M. is looking for business location in Dodge City.

A full blown rose and a beautiful bud were handed to the editor of the Rice County Gazette last Monday.

A two faced colored baby came into this wicked world a few days ago, in South Leavenworth. It has four eyes, two mouths and a pair of noses.

The paymaster visited Fort Dodge last Monday and Tuesday, and paid off the military for the months of November and December.

Only a portion of the ice necessary for next summer's use has been put up at the Fort, therefore more cold weather is hoped for.

U. S. Hungerford's lightning meat wagon has been turned out from the shop of Wilson & Sughrue. Charley is proud of it.

The snow last week, near Newton, drifted six feet high, and the Kansan says this is one of the peculiarities of sunny Kansas.

Parties are traveling through the State, ostensibly trying to buy farms, but really to pass off \$20 counterfeit notes and get good money in exchange.

Miss Helen Langton is mistress of the old stone house, now the residence of her brother, where Mr. Wright's family formerly resided, at Fort Dodge.

The Board of Commissioners of Chase county ordered the county printing to be done in the Leader. The Contract had in a bid, the Leader did not. Dead laws don't work there.

The Annual Catalogue of Messrs. Trumbull, Reynolds & Co., Kansas City, has been received. It includes Tice's Almanac, and is a valuable book for the business man and farmer.

Capt. Henton's two little children who have passed almost through the scarlet fever ordeal, are now able to ride out. There are no other cases of fever at the Fort.

John B. Means, County Clerk, is convalescent and his complete recovery is probable. John has had a long and severe spell of sickness. His numerous friends will rejoice over his recovery.

Fort Hays is liable soon to be without a sutler store. Hill P. Wilson intends to resign the appointment, and there seems to be no one anxious to take the place.

T. H. Cooper has been promoted to First Sergeant of Company "G," 10th Infantry. Sgt. Cooper is highly spoken of and well liked by his comrades. He will perform his duties faithfully.

The Wichita Beacon is offended at the "absurd, useless and systematic lying generally practiced in Kansas," and says there is not a thousand but only five hundred Sunday school scholars in that town.

The sutler's store is being very skillfully conducted by Messrs. Langton and Marshall. A great deal of credit was extended previous to pay day, but all bills were promptly paid with due promptness.

Several people saw, Thursday afternoon, says the Commonwealth, a star shining brightly, the bright light of the sun not appearing to affect its brilliancy much. We have heard it pronounced Venus by some and Jupiter by others.

Mr. Harry Finney has severed his business connection at the Alamo. Harry has made many friends, and has a genial face, and ability to mingle the morning appetizer that will be hard to replace.

A special train consisting of an engine and Pullman car, left the Santa Fe depot, Topeka, Thursday, with the right of the road to Pueblo. It carried a gentleman who had received a dispatch that his wife was very sick and likely to die in Colorado Springs. \$150 it is said was paid for this ride.

Messrs. T. F. Harwood and E. S. Conwell comprise the clerical force at the Fort Dodge Quartermaster's office, and Mr. Eugene Smith deals out rations from the commissary stores. Both departments are superintended by Quartermaster Leece.

Sergeant T. G. Dennison arrived from Fort Lincoln, Dakota, Tuesday. He was relieved at Fort Lincoln by Ordinance Sergeant J. F. Johnson, formerly of Fort Dodge. Sergeant Harrison takes Johnson's old place at Fort Dodge.

Mr. H. Harrison, of the Pan Handle, is in the city. He brought up about 600 fine fat sheep, which he intends to ship to Kansas City or St. Louis. Mr. Harrison says that immense herds of cattle and sheep are constantly swarming into the Pan Handle from Colorado and other points. Stock in the Pan Handle is in excellent condition.

### QUESTION.

Will the wise man who wrote the communication for Dager please inform an inquiring public if a City Marshal degrades his official position by standing in with (so called) show case games for ten per cent of the games.

SUBSCRIBER.

### BREAKING PLOWS.

There is one fine evidence of the improvement to be made the coming season, in the manufacture of breaking plows at the shops of Messrs. Wilson & Sughrue. These gentlemen have about completed orders for thirty breaking plows, and expect to manufacture one hundred or more to supply the demand.

The virgin soil of Ford county is to be turned under which is a gratifying evidence of the coming prosperity. The plows manufactured by W. & S. are of substantial and durable make and cannot fail to give satisfaction.

### THE MURPHY MOVEMENT.

Slowly, secretly and noiselessly the Murphy Movement is bending westward, taking towns by storm. It has reached Larned and the Herald says "The Murphy movement inaugurated in Larned on Tuesday evening of last week, was agitated each evening throughout the week until Saturday, when a children's temperance meeting was held at 2 p.m. There must have been about three hundred persons who signed the pledge during the week. Some of the most confirmed drinkers in town are among the wearers of the blue."

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers of Corona Lodge, I. O. O. F. have been installed for the ensuing term: N. G.—R. G. Cook, V. G.—A. H. Boyd, Recording Secretary—Geo. F. Jones, Treasurer—Walter Straeter, Warden—P. G. Reynolds, Conductor—George Dieter, Chaplain—Lloyd Shaw, Inside Guardian—John Mueller, R. S. N. G.—James Manson, L. S. N. G.—C. M. Beeson, R. S. V. G.—Geo. M. Hoover, L. S. V. G.—R. M. Wright, Right S. S.—John Kliney, Trustees P. G. Reynolds, G. M. Hoover and C. M. Beeson, Geo. F. Jones, sitting Past Grand, D. M. Frost, district Deputy Grand Master.

### THE MASON-RYAN SHOOTING.

Joe Mason arrived in Dodge City yesterday. The following is a copy of the proceedings of a court of inquiry, which exonerates Mason, held at Sweetwater:

Proceedings of a Board of officers convened at Fort Elliott, Texas, by virtue of the following order:

Headquarters Fort Elliott, Texas, January 5, 1878. Special Orders, No. 4. A Board of Officers to consist of Capt. C. Mauck 4th Cav, Capt. E. H. Loomis, 10th Inf, and 2d Lt. G. K. Hunter, 4th Cav, with convene at once to inquire into and report upon the killing of one Ed Ryan by Joe Mason, in the town of Sweetwater, last evening of the 4th inst. The Board will make a report in writing on the merits of the case.

By order of 1st Col. J. P. Hatten. THEO. H. ECKERSON, 2d Lt. 10th Inf, Post Adjutant, Fort Elliott, Texas, Jan. 5, 1878.

The Board met pursuant to the foregoing order at 2.30 o'clock p.m. Present, Capt. C. Mauck 4th Cav, Capt. E. H. Loomis, 10th Inf, and 2d Lt. G. K. Hunter, 4th Cav. The Board then proceeded to the examination of the following named witnesses: Tim Leavy, Harry Fleming, Granger Dyer, W. H. Weed, David Remington, Arrington, Norton and Dr. L. A. Garde. The Board after mature deliberation arrived at the following conclusion: That Ed Ryan came to his death from a shot wound at the hands of Joe Mason, who had the said Joe Mason was not in the promise. There being no further business to be done the Board then adjourned sine die.

C. MAUCK, Capt. 4th Cav, E. H. LOOMIS, Capt. 10th Inf, G. K. HUNTER, 2d Lt. 4th Cav, Recorder. H. Q. Fort Elliott, Jan. 10, 1878. The foregoing proceedings are approved. JNO. P. HATCH, 1st Col. 4th Cav, Commanding.

A deaf and dumb adult boot black is circulating through this vicinity.

Jim Anderson's livery stable has been newly painted and looks improved.

Mr. G. M. Hoover started for Canada last Sunday evening.

It has been unlawful to kill quail since the first of the month.

Our truthful and interesting correspondent at Camp Supply will keep us posted in reliable news.

Mr. and Mrs. Goens have moved to Leavenworth county, Kansas. We hope they will return next summer.

Dave Weaver is running the post-office all by himself, during Judge Fringer's absence, and it is a bigger job than most people suppose.

Mr. Harry E. Groden went down to Larned this week as attorney for Mr. Harry Lovell in a dead line case. The trial was postponed.

Mrs. Beeson's mother, Mrs. Gause, returned this week to her home in Mt. Union, Ohio. She is an excellent lady, and during her short stay here made many friends who regretted to see her go away.

Mrs. Dr. McCarty received the sad news this week of the illness of her father, and last evening started for St. Louis to visit him. We hope the old gentleman will soon recover.

The Driskill brothers arrived from Texas last Sunday morning. They went down to spend the holidays and had a good time. The say it has been raining in Texas for the last six weeks, and everything is moist. They have about 8,000 cattle in this vicinity, all in excellent condition.

Mr. Frank Wheeler and J. W. Cox, both of Panna, Ill., have been visiting Dodge City and vicinity for several days. They are much pleased with the country, and being men of wealth and high standing we should be glad to have them locate in our midst.

The steadily increasing list of subscribers to the TIMES encourages us to renewed energies in publishing the best newspaper in the Arkansas Valley, and the liberal patronage and kind assurances of many friends is a gratification over which we feel proud.

County Surveyor VanTromp received this week a brand new set of first-class surveying instruments and is now ready for business. He charges \$4.00 per day, the lawful rates. He does not possess a college education, but he is honest and not "on the beat." He is a man that good citizens can trust.

Mr. Jas. Langton, of Fort Dodge, took the eastern bound train last evening. We have heard it mildly hinted that he only intended going down the road as far as Emporia, and that he would not return alone; but others say he intends visiting relatives and friends in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Time only will decide what his intentions are, and his return will be awaited with interest.

### Lord's Dramatic Troupe.

Lord's Dramatic, Operatic and Comedy company will perform in Dodge City, at the Court House, every night next week. This company has been making successful and satisfactory engagements on the line of the road east, and we doubt not will give rich entertainments in the city.

Louie Lord, an accomplished actress and a star, is engaged with this troupe. She is a favorite, and greatly pleases an audience with her exquisite talents. Mr. Mintus Rose is the advance agent and has been stopping here for a few days, making arrangements for the performances.

Tickets for sale at James C. Connor's store.

The colored folks had a dance last Wednesday night at a ball masque. Every thing would have passed off quietly and pleasantly, had not some scolding Caucasian entered the hall at an unsuspecting moment and poured about a quart of cayenne pepper on the red hot stove. As the perfume arose and pervaded the air and also the nostrils of the colored gentry, a grand rush for fresh air ensued, causing several ladies encompassed in gentlemen's attire to expose their charming countenances, thereby giving themselves away. The colored freemen of the United States have inalienable rights guaranteed by the sixteenth amendment, one of which is the pursuit of happiness. Let cayenne pepper be used only at church festivals, and not disturb the darkey's happiness.

### Coal in Barton County.

Considerable excitement has prevailed over this county in the last three weeks, regarding the reported discovery of coal north of Great Bend. We are sorry to inform our readers that the story is without foundation in fact. Mr. Pease has been making a shaft for coal for the last two weeks, and although finding a trace of coal has not yet found a vein an inch thick. We still hope and believe that coal will yet be found in paying quantities in this county. But the time of its discovery is not yet. —[Great Bend Register.]

Choice new hains at Haddler & Drapers'.

There has been so much rain in Southern Iowa this winter that the conductors on the B. & M. freight trains take rank with rear admirals.

The best line of staple and fancy dry goods in Dodge at Haddler & Drapers'.

The St. Louis Post of Wednesday evening says they have a man with a silver jaw in St. Louis. There are a good many men in congress troubled with silver jaw, just now.

Call and see those hand made boots at Haddler & Drapers'.

Governor Anthony received a very elaborate decision on Tuesday from the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, by which the State is entitled to five per cent. of all the Indian reservations in Kansas.

Labrador herring at Haddler & Drapers'.

The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean says that A. M. Blair, Collector of Internal Revenue for Kansas, has tendered his resignation on account of the removal of the Collector's office from Ottawa to Leavenworth city. Col. John C. Carpenter has received the endorsement of the Senators and Representatives of Kansas to fill the vacancy.

### A Murderous Attack.

Atchison, January 17.—This morning a man calling himself J. D. Shipp, a printer by trade, was arrested by the Sheriff on suspicion of being Thomas Morris, who murdered his wife in Woodson county, on the 11th inst. He was locked up in jail. Shortly afterward the jailer, Charles Higby, entered his cell, when Shipp sprang at him with a razor, and cut a desperate gash across his throat; almost severing his jugular vein. A physician who happened to be passing near the jail was called in, and held the vein until other physicians could be sent for, who succeeded in closing the aperture and restoring the circulation. Higby is in a very dangerous condition. Many think Shipp is deranged he acts and talks at times like a crazy man.

### Sad Calamity.

In Leavenworth the other night a nice young man was escorting his charmer home from the dance. On the way they halted and stood for some time talking of "the sweet bye and bye," and of the sweeter by-gones. It was a beautiful night, and as they gazed upward at the glittering stars their souls filled with love's young dream. They appeared too happy for this world. Their thoughts were far, far away, and there is no telling when they would have remembered that they were of this earth, had not a sudden shower burst upon them from above. A piercing shriek, a muttered curse, and the loving couple had disappeared. Moral—when you have something sweet to tell your girl, there are better places to tell her than the sidewalk in front of a two-story boarding house.

Mr. J. B. Fugate, editor of the Arkansas Valley Democrat, and Mr. A. A. Hurd, both of Great Bend, are in the city. Mr. Hurd is a prominent attorney in the west.

### Horses Stolen.

A pair of horses, a bay and a sorrel, was stolen from Miles Mix, at his rancho on Crooked creek, twenty-five miles south, on Thursday night last.

### FORT LYON ITEMS.

This Post is commanded by Col. C. H. Smith and garrisoned by the band, companies E, H and K 10th Infantry.

Messrs. Brown and Hunter are the Post Traders.

The Fort Lyon Social Club makes things lively here once a week with their entertainments. Music always furnished by the regimental band.

The Good Templars Lodge organized in Co. E is doing good work for their cause. They now have fifty-three members.

The boys filled the ice house in three days, put up three tons of ice, no whisky around during the cutting, nothing stronger than hot coffee. Cause, temperance and want of funds. The following lines are dedicated to the latter cause.

Ice cutting is here and what do you think, The boys are dead broke and cannot get a drink, They have left all their money with Hunter and Brown, And now to get a 'hip they have to 'hoof' it to town.

There is a General Court Martial ordered to convene here on the 23d inst. for the trial of Capt. H. E. Stansberry and 1st Lt. M. Walker.

1st Serg. Wm. G. McFadden, band 10th Inf. died on the 18th inst. in the Post Hospital, after a few days illness. KOLORADO.

### DIED.

In this city, Friday night, after a lingering illness, ALMA, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Anthony, age 23 months.

Funeral services at the family residence at 2 o'clock, Sunday, and burial at the Fort at four o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited.

This is the second death in the family within a few weeks. The afflicted parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sore distress and bereavement.